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SUBJ: GATT TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING

1. OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF FOREIGN TRADE IN MINISTRY COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY TOLD EMBOFFS GOK NOT RPT NOT SENDING MINISTER TO TOKYO CONFERENCE. ABDULLA ABBAS FROM GOK MISSION IN GENEVA EXPECTED REPRESENT KUWAIT. SINCE KUWAIT HAS VIRTUALLY FREE TRADE AND ONLY ONE IMPORTANT EXPORT - PETROLEUM - WHICH IS IN HIGH DEMAND, GOK HAS MINIMAL INTEREST IN GATT NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ON OTHER HAND GOK IN GENERAL FAVORS LIBERAL TRADE AND THEREFORE LIKELY SUPPORT US MOVES TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS. IN THIS CONNECTION, HOWEVER, USG MAY BE CRITICIZED FOR RECENT EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES. GOK LIKELY COORDINATE ITS POSITION WITH OTHER ARAB DELS AND UNLIKELY TAKE LEAD ON IMPORTANT POLICY QUESTIONS.

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